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Mayor, incumbents win elections

Austin begins second two-year term as mayor

By Chris Strunk and David Dinell

Bel Aire voters appeared pleased with the job their mayor and city council members are

doing as Mayor David Austin was re-elected along with council members Ken Lee and Betty Martine in the April 7 election.

Austin, who won a second two-year term with an unofficial vote total of 503-134, said he was “humbled” and encouraged by the victory.

“We’re keeping taxes level, we’re making improvements, we’re reducing the debt, we’re

expanding our tax base, we’re attracting new rooftops, we’re attracting new businesses and that is the right road and that was the message sent out loud and clear tonight,” he said.

Reducing the city’s debt is a top concern, along with improvements to streets and sewers and water availability, he said.

Also, expanding the tax base is a top priority for the long term,

Austin said.

Austin had praise for his opponent, Andrew Uhlschmidt, and the civility of the campaign.

“I’ve come to know Andrew throughout this; he’s a good guy,” Austin said.

He added that they agreed on many goals, but disagreed on how to achieve them.

“And that’s OK,” he said.

There are no term limits for

the Bel Aire mayor slot, so Austin could run again in two years. However, he said he’s not “looking too far down the road”

Ken Lee said he was excited about his victory.

“I felt there was a lot of unfinished business,” he said. Infrastructure matters are important, he



Austin

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SIGNS OF THE TIMES



Stone monument signs are going up around Bel Aire. Within the past month, the signs have been placed at the northwest corner of 37th Street and Woodlawn and at the Bel Aire Recreation Center, 5251 E. 48th North, where senior director Brian Hayes looks over the addition. The signs are carved from native Kansas limestone by Tobin Rupe, an area stone sculptor. These first two signs were paid for by the city. However, sponsors have come forward to underwrite the cost of four more signs.



Photos by David Dinell

Man dies in crash on K-254

By David Dinell

A crash near Bel Aire killed a 20-year-old Wichita man.

The collision happened at 8:33 p.m. March 26 at the intersection of K-254 and Webb Road. A 2002 Mitsubishi Eclipse driven north on Webb by Nathaniel Watkins failed to yield and entered K-254 where it was struck by a 2013 Scion TC.

Watkins was killed at the scene. The 45-year-old male driver of the other vehicle, an El Dorado resident, was taken to Wesley Medical Center for treatment. Both men were wearing their seatbelts.

The accident investigation was handled by the Kansas Highway Patrol. However, Bel Aire police were the first law enforcement officers onsite and provided traffic control and secured the scene, which is just slightly outside the city limits, said Police Chief Darrell Atteberry.

Atteberry said there may have been some confusion about where the Eclipse was hit, as it

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City official is leaving for new job in Hays

By David Dinell

When opportunity arises, and you want to advance a career, it’s best to reach for it. That was the thinking Bel Aire community development director Rick Rekoske had in mind when he recently accepted the position as executive director of the Hays Convention and Visitors Bureau.

His last day on the job in Bel Aire will be May 15 and he starts his new position May 26.

Rekoske, 44, has been with Bel Aire almost two years. He started May 20, 2013, and said that although the time has been short, much has been accom-

plished.

“I have had a great time working with everyone at the chamber and certainly will miss working for the City of Bel Aire,” he said in a statement.

Rekoske said it was “a very tough decision” to relocate his family to Hays. He will be moving to Hays with his wife, Christi, and his three stepchil-



Rekoske

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Live hand grenade found in Bel Aire house

By David Dinell

Construction workers at a Bel Aire house in the 5000 block of East Willow Point Road received a surprise during their renovation project: a live grenade fell from the

ceiling after they made a hole in the sheetrock. The incident happened about 2 p.m. March 26 and prompted a response from the Wichita police’s explosive ordinance and detonation team.

Bel Aire police were involved in the incident by setting up a perimeter and ordering a “shelter in place,” which means restricting nearby residents to their houses. The squad took the gre-

nade away to be exploded at a range, said Police Chief Darrell Atteberry. He said the response was swift. “It was incredible,” he said. “The EOD squad was on the way shortly after the (initial) call because they

knew they would be needed here.” The device was a World War II model and had explosive capabilities, he said. The homeowner, who has lived there for about 11 months, was “flustered”

about the find, Atteberry said. The squad searched the structure for other explosive devices but didn’t find any. This was the second emergency incident at that residence as there was a fire in it just the previous week.

BEL AIRE POLICE REPORTS

April 15 — Officer Crice responded to a non-injury accident involving two vehicles in the 5500 block of North Lycee. April 15 — Officer Steele responded to a call of a burglary in progress in the 5600 block of North Lycee. The resident reported she thought someone was in her apartment. Officer checked the residence and found no apparent indication of a burglary. April 14 — Officer Elpers was looking for a female who has an active bench warrant from Sedgwick County. Upon arrival at her residence in the 5600 block of North Lycee, she answered the door and was placed into custody for her warrant. She was transported to the Sedgwick County Jail. The suspect’s name was not available. April 14 — While at 45th North and Woodlawn, Officer Roney observed a vehicle commit a traffic violation. He made contact with the driver whom he found to be driving with a suspended driver’s license and no proof of liability insurance. The driver was cited for failure to stop leaving a private drive, driving with a suspended license and no proof of liability insurance. April 14 — Officer Elpers observed a vehicle traveling north in the 4500 block of North Rock Road without any taillights. Officer stopped the vehicle and made contact with juvenile driver who had no license. Officer detected the odor of marijuana coming from the vehicle. After searching the vehicle, he found three bags of marijuana and some paraphernalia. The driver was booked into the Sedgwick County Juvenile Detention Facility on charges of possession of marijuana and possession of drug paraphernalia. He was also cited for driving without taillights when required and driving without a license. April 13 — Officer Elpers arrived to 6900 block of East Summerside Court to attempt a welfare check. Upon arrival, he made contact with the father who stated that the woman he was checking on lived in Park City. Officer contacted Park City police, who advised that within the last hour they had been to a residence to check on the woman. They made contact with her and stated that she was OK and there were no signs of abuse. April 13 — The homeowner in the 6800 block of East Odessa wanted to make a barking dog complaint. Her neighbor has a large dog. When the dog is released into his fenced in backyard, it barks at any dog on the other side of the fence. The woman said the constant barking is disturbing her peace. The owner of the dog said he forgot to bring the dog back inside and it barked for two hours. The owner of the dog agreed to watch the dog more closely and allow shorter bathroom breaks for the dog. April 12 — Officer Elpers was northbound on Rock Road when he observed an expired tag on a vehicle. The driver was cited for driving with a suspended license and expired tag. April 11 — A calling party in the 4800 block of East 44th Court North reported that his neighbor came to his home, “pounded” on the front door and said “shut your dog up, it’s annoying me.” The suspect stated that he was tired of the dog barking all day at him through the fence. The calling party stated that he did not want anything to happen to his dog because of the threats from the other male. April 10 — Officer Menges took a report of a domestic issue in the 5600 block of East Denise. A man reported that he and his wife are going through a divorce and his wife changed the locks on the house. The man stated that this is a violation of the divorce paperwork that he was served with on April 8. April 10 — While sitting in the 5500 block of East 37th North, Officer Roney observed a vehicle with an expired tag. He stopped the car and made contact with driver and cited her for driving with an expired driver’s license and expired registration. She was given the court date. April 10 — Officer Elpers stopped a vehicle for speeding in the 5200 block of North Oliver. Officer made contact with the driver who had never had a driver’s license. When he checked the registration of the vehicle, the tag on the vehicle came back to a different vehicle. The driver was cited and given a court date.

with all of the people concerned. He later made contact with the apartment manager to make them aware of the issues at the apartment. April 8 — Officer Camplin observed a vehicle traveling on Rock Road and ran Kansas license plate. He ran the plate for wants or warrants and it came back to a stolen vehicle out of Augusta. He stopped the vehicle. The driver identified himself by a Kansas ID card, which was not his. During the search of the recovered stolen vehicle, Camplin and a deputy found a glass meth pipe, straws with a clear crystal residue, fake checks, a receipt of goods bought with a fake check, a scale and methamphetamine. The driver was arrested and booked on those charges. The female passenger was arrested and booked on a charge possession of drug paraphernalia and given a Bel Aire Municipal Court date. The suspects’ names were not available. April 7 — A woman came to the Bel Aire Police Station in the 7600 block of East Central Park Avenue to drop off a rifle with a scope and brown leather sling. She stated that she no longer needs the gun due to her husband passing away, and wanted to donate it to the police department. April 7 — A man came to the Bel Aire Police Station in the 7600 block of East Central Park Avenue to drop of a box of ammunition. He stated that he did not need the ammunition any longer due to him not owning the gun that used the ammo. April 7 — Officer Elpers was dispatched to help an officer in trouble at 37th and Rock. Upon arrival, officer witnessed the subject matching the description jump over the rock fence behind Pacific Coast Pizza. Officer exited his patrol vehicle and jumped the fence to pursue. Officer returned to his patrol car and continued to the Willow Bend Golf Course where he assisted with the captured the suspect. April 7 — While at the police station in the 7600 block of East Central Park Avenue, Officer Roney took a walk-in report from a female who was attempting to submit a modification to a PFA between her boyfriend and his ex-girlfriend. The woman gave officer a false name, but officer was able to track down her true information and arrested her on warrants out of Lyon County. The woman, Meaghan Rene Ratliff of Wichita, was booked into the Sedgwick County Jail. Officers were unable to verify court documents because they were not yet on file with the court clerk. April 7 — Officers Roney and Elpers responded to a suspicious character call in the 4200 block of North Rushwood Court. The calling party reported that her 16-year-old son walked out on to the deck at the rear of their residence to check on their dog when he observed a while male with facial hair wearing a dark-colored beanie, a black T-shirt and black pants standing that the southeast corner of the home. The suspect ran from the residence after being seen. Officers searched the area but were unable to make contact with anyone matching the description. April 6 — A woman called the Bel Aire Police Department to make a violation of a PFA report. She stated that on April 4 her ex-boyfriend broke into a residence in the 4300 block of North Rushwood through a window and stole her items. She stated that he broke through a basement window, entered the residence, took her items, left the residence and then called the police. She then stated that he told the police that the window was previously broken before he came to the residence to collect his items. April 6 — Officer Elpers was monitoring traffic when he observed a vehicle speeding in the 4700 block of North Greenwich. The driver, Sharlie Marie Peterson of Wichita, was found to have a suspended license and two bench warrants from Sedgwick County and Andover. She was transported to the Sedgwick County Jail and booked on the warrants. April 5 — A confused and lost male was found on the doorstep of a residence in the 5500 block of North Oliver. The man stated he was looking for someone and his residence for Easter dinner. The resident called to check the welfare on this person because he was confused and lost. Officers were able to get a hold of a responsible person who came to get the lost male. April 5 — Lt. Foxx stopped a vehicle for a seat belt violation in the 7900 block of East 45th North. The driver was found to be in possession of a marijuana pipe with a small amount marijuana. She was issued a traffic citation and a notice to appear in court. The pipe and marijuana were submitted into

evidence. April 4 — Officer Menges took a man into custody on a City of Wichita traffic warrant during a traffic stop in the 7200 block of East 53rd North. He was also issued a citation for the City of Bel Aire. The suspect’s name was not available. April 4 — Officer Elpers was dispatched to 4300 block of North Rushwood Court and met the calling party at his residence. He said he wanted to make a report that his ex-girlfriend had sold some of his belongings while he was away as ordered by a PFA. Officer advised him that it was a civil issue. The man grabbed a few personal and work-related items before leaving. April 4 — Officer Elpers stopped a vehicle for speeding in the 4900 block of North Rock Road. The driver was driving on an expired instructional permit. She was cited and given a court date. April 4 — Officer Steele attempted to stop a motorcycle after clocking it at 69 mph in the 55 mph zone in the 5300 block of North Greenwich. Officer activated the emergency lighting of his assigned patrol vehicle. The motorcycle continued traveling north and did not pull over. April 2 — Lt. Foxx observed an unoccupied vehicle with no tag parked in the west ditch in the 4100 block of North Oliver. The vehicle was left in neutral with the emergency brake engaged. The key was left in the ignition. After checking the vehicle identification number, contact was made with the former registered owner who stated the vehicle was sold about six months earlier. Interstate Wrecker impounded the vehicle. April 1 — A calling party in the 4500 block of Woodlow reported having a protection-from-abuse order on file against a man. The man violated the PFA by texting her and asking her to drop the charges against him through Wichita. March 31 — A calling party in the 4700 block of Prestwick Avenue reported that a home under construction that he was working in was broken into sometime between 5:22 p.m. March 30 and 12:30 a.m. March 31 and personal items were stolen. The man stated that his boss, who also arrived at the residence, had tools stolen as well. The builder of the residence, Perfection Builder’s site superintendent was at the residence to review the damage. March 31 — A calling party in the 4300 block of North Rushwood reported that her boyfriend was at the residence and stated that he should not be there because of the protection-from-abuse order she has on him. He stated that he had not been served with the PFA yet and was at the home because his “attorney” told him to stay there. While officer was there, a deputy served the man with a PFA. The man was ordered to leave the residence immediately and told not to return until after court. March 31 — Officer Elpers was dispatched to a disturbance report at Sunrise Christian Academy in the 5500 block of East 45th North. Upon arrival, officer made contact with the calling party who stated that she had been getting emails from an unknown person. The unknown suspect was threatening to take his sibling out of the school. The suspect then wrote several obscene things about the school. The reporting party said she wanted to make a report to start a paper trail so that if anything else happened she would have it on record. March 31 — Officer Menges reported receiving a call about a violation of a protection-from-abuse order in the 4300 block of North Rushwood. The suspect had attempted to shut off the water service to the residence. This action was a direct violation of the PFA. March 31 — Officer Roney responded to a report of criminal damage in the 4300 block of North Rushwood Court, where a woman reported that her ex-boyfriend had been at the residence earlier before he was served with a PFA at which time he began moving her furniture into the front yard. The woman stated that after police left

the residence, she noticed that a large piece of glass from her coffee table that was moved into the yard had been broken. It wasn’t broken before he began moving items into the front yard. March 30 — Officer Elpers was dispatched to assist the Wichita Police Department in a welfare check in the 3800 block of North Parkwood. The dispatcher advised that they were on the phone with a woman when they heard yelling and her phone cut off. Upon arrival, officer made contact with the person via the phone. The woman reported no physical abuse and stated that her phone had died. The woman had a bench warrant through Wichita and was transported to the Sedgwick County Jail. The suspect’s name was not available. March 30 — Officer Elpers was dispatched to a disturbance in the 4300 block of North Rushwood Court. Upon arrival, officer made contact with a woman who was in the process of moving her things out of the residence when a verbal altercation started between her and her mother. The argument was only verbal and she stated that she wanted the car that was in her and her mother’s name. Officer explained to both that the issue with the car was a civil matter and not a criminal matter. The woman gathered her things and left the residence without further altercation. March 29 — Lt. Foxx stopped a vehicle for speeding and shattered windshield in the 5100 block of North Woodlawn. The driver was not in possession of his driver’s license because it was suspended. He was issued a citation and given a Bel Aire court date. March 29 — The calling party reported that she and her boyfriend got into a verbal argument in the 4300 block of North Rushwood Court. She stated that he had gotten physically aggressive the previous night, but was just yelling and cursing at her this afternoon. She stated that she is going to file for a temporary PFA in the morning, and is looking to move out of the home. March 29 — The calling party in the 4000 block of North Woodlawn reported that the storage unit that he rents from Bel Aire Mini Storage was broken into sometime within the last two weeks. He reported that he was missing several boxes of 9 mm ammunition along with several boxes of .308 caliber ammo. He also reported that a reciprocating saw, power drill and several hand tools were missing from the unit. March 28 — Lt. Foxx stopped a vehicle for multiple traffic violations in the 6200 block of East 45th North. The driver displayed an expired driver’s at the time of the stop. She was issued a citation and assigned a Bel Aire court date. March 28 — Officer Roney responded to take a domestic violence report in the 4300 block of North Rushwood Court. He arrived and made contact with calling party who stated her ex-boyfriend had arrived earlier and the two were involved in an argument. She stated he knocked out a screen window to enter his residence at which time she stated he threw her clothes down in the basement and tore up a loaf of bread. She refused prosecution at this time and wished to make a report only. March 26 — Officer responded to Northeast Magnet High School in the 5500 block of North Lycee in reference to a juvenile male who had received a disturbing text message. March 26 — An employee from Klein Construction reported performing renovations to his residence in the 5000 block of Willow Point and finding a live Mark 2 M6A4C grenade that had fallen from a hole made in the ceiling. The Wichita Police Department Bomb Squad was called to remove the grenade and confirmed the grenade to be

live. The grenade was disposed of at the police bomb range. March 26 — Officer Louks was dispatched to a call of a non-injury accident involving two vehicles in the 5600 block of North Lycee. March 26 — Officer Louks stopped a vehicle for speeding in the 5600 block of North Oliver. The driver was found to be driving without a valid driver’s license. The driver was issued citations for speeding and driving without a valid license. March 26 — Officers Roney and Louks responded to a disturbance in the 8400 block of East Granite Court where the calling party reported her 15-year-old daughter was refusing to go to school the next day and the two were involved in a verbal dispute. No crime was committed and Roney assisted the mother with setting up an evaluation at Comcare Children’s Services. March 25 — Officer Roney responded to a check residence call in the 6500 block of East Rodeo Drive. The homeowner returned home and found the front door open. Officer and deputies cleared the residence and found no signs of forced entry. The homeowner was escorted through the residence and found nothing out of place or missing. The homeowner believes she may have not closed the door completely and the wind might have forced it open. March 24 — A driver was stopped for not wearing a seat belt in the 5100 block of East 37th North. He had no driver’s license in his possession, did not have a valid proof of liability insurance and was operating a vehicle in violation of his restriction to an interlock device. He was given a Bel Aire court date. March 24 — While on patrol, Chief Atteberry found heavy smoke coming from the open garage of a residence in the 4500 block of North Eagle Lake Drive. The resident was attempting to extinguish a fire in a garage utility room. Atteberry called for a fire response, evacuated the man and his pets from the residence, retrieved a fire extinguisher from his patrol vehicle and extinguished the fire. Sedgwick County firefighters responded and put out remaining flames and hot spots. March 24 — Officer Roney responded to an unknown call to assist EMS in the 6600 block of East Summerside Place. Officer found firefighters giving medical attention to a man who was suffering from an apparent overdose. The man’s son was on scene and was unaware of his father using any medication and indicated that he found him on the floor unresponsive and then called 911. The father was transported to St. Joseph Hospital in Wichita. March 24 — Officer Elpers was dispatched to a domestic violence report in the 4500 block of North St. James. Upon arrival, officer made contact with the calling party who said her ex-boyfriend took one of her cars without permission to go to work. Officer gave her options and the woman decided she did not want to prosecute. She decided that she would attempt to get her car back after he returned home from work in Salina. March 23 — A woman called from the 5200 block of East Ashton to report her daughter smoking marijuana back in November of 2014. The woman only just discovered the marijuana party after checking text messages on her daughter’s phone. There is no evidence in this case. The daughter freely admitted to smoking marijuana back in 2014.

Mom was considering restrictions. March 23 — Officer Elpers was dispatched to a possible suicidal person in the 4500 block of North St. James. Upon arrival, officer made contact with the person who had several small surface cuts to his right forearm. The man said he was upset due to his girlfriend leaving him when he was gone for a week on vacation. The man made several statements that he would not kill himself tonight but might do it after his daughter’s birthday tomorrow. Officer transported the man to St. Joseph Hospital for a mental evaluation. March 22 — Officer Menges was dispatched to a disturbance call in the 5600 block of North Lycee. A mother had called in that her daughter had left their residence on foot, and was found walking down Rock Road. The daughter was located and taken back home to her mother. March 22 — Officer Menges was dispatched to a call of a 2- or 3-year-old boy walking down the road by himself. Officer arrived in the area and did not see the boy outside, but he did check the residence on Perryton. A woman answered the door, and said the boy was her son. She said he was outside playing with his father, and his father thought that he followed him back into the residence. March 21 — Officer Menges was contacted about a lost wallet in the 4800 block of Farmstead Court. The reporting party said she thought she might have left it on the roof of her mother’s car as they traveled from her Farmstead address to the Braum’s on Rock Road. Officer drove the path to the store and was unable to locate the wallet. The woman called back later and informed the officer that she found her wallet in the side pocket of the car door. March 20 — Two people were transported from the 4400 block of North Rushwood to a safe house after a felony warrant was issued in a domestic violence case. March 20 — Officer Elpers was dispatched to a larceny report in the 5400 block of East Falcon. Upon arrival, he made contact with the calling party who stated someone had taken four solar-powered lamps from his front yard. He values the lamps at \$100. The lamps were all black, two-tiered glass with solar panels on top. March 19 — Officer Louks responded to a suspicious person call in the 4900 block of North Oliver. The suspect allegedly urinated by a residence along Oliver Street. The man was checked for warrants and transported to the truck stop in the 6100 block of North Air Cap in Park City, per his request. March 19 — Officers Roney and Steele responded to a suspicious person call in the 5400 block of East Ashton. The call involved four male teenagers going house to house throwing toilet paper in yards. Four subjects ran south. They were not apprehended.

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Bel Aire Recreation

HELP WANTED

The City of Bel Aire has part-time openings available for youth baseball/softball umpires, lifeguards and a hip-hop instructor. Apply in person at the Bel Aire Recreation Center.

RECREATIONAL SUMMER BALL LEAGUES

(boys ages 5-11 & girls ages 5-12) Teams will play up to two games per week on Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays evening, or Saturdays beginning May 26. Leagues include T-Ball, Machine Pitch and Youth Pitch Baseball and Softball. The registration deadline has passed but limited openings remain.

FISHING CLINIC

Bel Aire Recreation has partnered with the Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks to bring you a free fishing clinic in June TBD. Parental/guardian assistance is required in this interactive clinic. Space is limited and registration is required.

MAXIMIZE CAMPS

Bel Aire Recreation continues to partner with Brent Atwater to bring you several camps this summer. Call 807-1036 or www.maximizetraining.com for more information.
Summer Basketball Camp (ages 5-13) July 15 and 16; 9 to 11 a.m.
Speed & Agility Camp (ages 6 & up) July 15 and 16; 1 to 2 p.m.

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SUMMER DAY CAMP

The Wichita YMCA will again offer a state-licensed day camp this summer at the Bel Aire Recreation Center. Elementary age activities include arts and crafts, games, sports, swimming, field trips, and much more. **For more information or to register call the YMCA at 264-1610.**

TAEKWONDO (ages 5 & up)

Classes meet Mondays and Fridays from 5 to 6 p.m. or Tuesdays and Thursdays from 7 to 8 p.m. Great classes for beginners to black belts.

YOGA

Classes on Mondays and Wednesdays from 6:10 to 7:10 p.m. Bring your own yoga mat. Teens and adults can join at any time!

FITNESS CENTER (ages 16 & up)

The Fitness Center consists of elliptical cross trainers, treadmills, recumbent bike, multi-station weight machine, and free-weights. No charge for pass holders, or available with the purchase of a daily pass.

A \$5 late fee will be charged to all sign-ups after the deadline. For more information on these or any Bel Aire Recreation programs call 744-2700.

Central Park Swimming Pool

7350 E. Central Park Ave. / 744-7331

Pool opens May 23, weather permitting

FEE INFORMATION

Summer passes

Individual (age 12 and older)	\$100/year
Family: (2 adults & dependent children living in the home)	\$150/year

Daily Fees

Under age 12 (must be accompanied by an adult)	\$2 per day
Over age 12	\$3 per day

POOL HOURS (subject to change)

Weekdays

Swimming Lessons 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.; 7 to 7:45 p.m.; open swim 1 to 7 p.m.

Weekends

Saturday & Sunday 1 to 6 p.m.

POOL RENTALS

(Rental packages available outside of normal business hours)
Up to 25 patrons: \$40 per hour / 25 to 50 patrons: \$60 per hour

GROUP SWIMMING LESSONS (beginning in June)

Members: \$35 per session / Nonmembers: \$44 per session

PRIVATE SWIMMING LESSONS

Private swimming lessons by appointment and subject to availability.

Registration for all memberships, swimming lessons, & pool rentals will be taken at the pool only beginning May 23.

Bel Aire Seniors

All SENIORS 55+ are cordially invited to all events listed below. The Senior Center and library area are open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday excluding holidays. The library has a wide selection of library books to check out at no cost nor time restraints, along with computers available for study or research. Remember any senior can belong to or attend more than one senior center/club in Sedgwick County.

Locations

Senior Center/Community Room

7651 E. Central Park Ave.,
744-2451

Recreation Center

5251 E. 48th North
744-2700

Inclement Weather Policy

The Bel Aire Senior Center will be closed for all programs when USD 259 schools are closed due to inclement weather. For more information, please call 744-2451, ext. 121.

Weekly Events

Bel Aire Walkers — M-F, 8-9 a.m. at the Rec Center (indoors & climate controlled) Free for BA Senior members, alternate times available
Men's Coffee & Fellowship — Wednesdays, 10 a.m. at the Senior Center
Yoga — Mondays & Wednesdays, 6 p.m. at the Rec Center (monthly fee)
Bridge Games — Tuesdays, 1 p.m. at the Senior Center
Low Impact Aerobics — Wednesdays, 9 a.m. at the Rec Center
Braum's Breakfast — Fridays, 9 a.m. on North Rock Road
Chair Exercises — Tuesdays, 3:30 p.m., Fridays, 10:30 a.m., at the Rec Center
Line Dance Class — Fridays, 2:30 p.m. in the Community Room
A Matter of Balance — Thursdays, 9 a.m., Senior Center (RSVP 744-2451, ext. 121)

Monthly & Special Events

May 1, 6 p.m. — Pitch at the Senior Center
May 4, 6:30 p.m. — Potluck dinner, Mariachi band, Community Room
May 6, 10 a.m. — Volunteer library work time at the Senior Center
May 7, 11 a.m. — Rite Bite Series; topic: Fats, Senior Center
May 7, 1 p.m. — Game Day at the Rec Center
May 12, 6 p.m. — Ladies Dine Out. Call Anita at 744-2840 for info
May 13, 10 a.m. — Open sewing at the Rec Center
May 13, 1130 a.m. — Reverse mortgages, Teresa Hatfield, Senior Center
May 15, 10:15 a.m. — Senior Aerobics Brunch (different locations)
May 20, 1:30 p.m. — Book Club meeting, Senior Center
May 15, 6 p.m. — Pitch at the Senior Center
May 18, 6 p.m. — Covered dish dinner and program with Richard Caldwell, Rec Center
May 27, 7 p.m. — Bunko, Senior Center (reservation required, call 744-2451, ext. 121)
May 28, 2 p.m. — Genealogy group meeting, Senior Center

Community Events

TOPS — Tuesdays, 9 a.m., Bel Aire Senior Center
City Council meetings — First and third Tuesday of each month
May 12, 7 p.m. — Bel Aire Heights HOA meeting, Senior Center
May 12, 7 p.m. — Central Park HOA meeting. Community Room
May 21, 10 a.m. — Red Hat outing to Orpheum Theater. Call Anita for more information 744-2840
May 25 — Memorial Day, city offices closed

This and that from the City of Bel Aire

The City of Bel Aire has several openings for volunteers on committees, including Community Development Advisory Committee, Planning Commission, and Public Building Commission. If you are interested in serving on any of these committees, please contact the mayor or the city manager.

June 25-27 — Citywide garage sales. Permit fees will be waived for these dates.

July 11, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. — Community-wide cleanup day. North side of 53rd halfway between Rock and Webb. Brush and lawn waste. Bel Aire residents only. Must show proof of Bel Aire residency (e.g., driver's license or utility bill).

We accept the following items for recycling at no charge:

Microwave Ovens, VCR, DVD Players, Cameras and Camcorders, Electronic Gaming Consoles, Stereos, Radios and CD Players.

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We will also at this event accept house hold appliances. About anything that uses electricity or has a battery to power.

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(We need to charge for Cathode Ray Tube Television at \$1.00 for each diagonal inch. 19" TV is \$19.00).

May 2nd

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HIGHLIGHTS

Graduation ceremonies set

Caps and gowns are ordered, and area high school seniors are preparing to become high school graduates.

Commencements have been set for area high schools.

Heights High School’s ceremony will be 7 p.m. May 8 at Koch Arena on the Wichita State University campus.

Northeast Magnet High School’s ceremony will be 7 p.m. May 13 in the Century II Convention Hall in Wichita.

Valley Center High School’s ceremony will be 3 p.m. May 10 at Koch Arena.

— The Breeze staff

Fiber optic lines to be installed

The Bel Aire City Council on April 7 approved a franchise agreement with Boulder, Colo.-based Zayo Group allowing it to install fiber optic cable in the city.

The cable will be running between cell phone towers and transmit data. The agreement is for 10 years with three five-year terms after that. The company doesn’t provide residential service, but rather is a business-to-business operation.

While residents may not realize an immediate benefit, in the long run, it will help with faster internet speed and data capacity, said Ken Carter, the company’s regional vice president.

He was at the meeting along with Jeff Capps, project manager for the local operation. The \$6.6 billion public company will be working in the Wichita area through May 2016 on fiber optic lines, Capps said.

— David Dinell

City refinances bonds to save \$500,000

By David Dinell

Most people would jump at the chance to save money — especially more than a half million dollars.

Count the Bel Aire City Council among them as its members had no problem April 7 approving reissuing a series of bonds from 2007 that will have lower interest rates.

The savings will be about \$46,000 a year. The actual total savings will be about \$518,000 for the bonds, which run through 2027. There were eight bidders on the issuing the bonds, with Commerce Bank winning with its offer of a 1.79 percent interest rate.

The issuance has a value of \$5.39 million and has been used for infrastructure improvements.

City officials were pleased about the savings.

“It’s a great deal,” said City Manager Ty Lasher. Interest rates had been low for awhile, but because of certain fiscal requirements, the city had to wait until recently to take advantage of them.

Mayor David Austin praised the work of assistant city manager and finance director Michelle Meyer in making the change happen.

“We’re saving a half million, and that’s especially important in reducing our

debt,” he said.

For her part, Meyer credited the city’s financial adviser, Springsted Inc. of Kansas City, Mo., for its expertise in the bond process.

The repackaging of Bel Aire’s bonds includes taking the 2007A, B, C and D bonds and creating two new ones, 2015A and B. Also involved in the financial processing was a three-year \$490,000 note for water and paving at the Catholic Life Center. That received an interest rate of 1.009 percent. Meyer said it only makes sense for Bel Aire to use the low interest rates on the market now.

“Overall, we’re pretty

happy with it and glad the timing worked out for us,” she said.

In other action, the council:

- Gave positive reviews to the March 28 Spring Festival at the Rec Center, which included dedication of a pavilion spearheaded by the Bel Aire Lions Club.
- “That is just amazing,” Austin said the structure.
- Lee remarked that the event was well-attended and noted that many people were from outside the community, which means the event is a positive way to market the city.
- Approved the 2015 Municipal Water Conservation plan.
- Heard Lasher report that the city’s brush pile is open. It’s halfway between Rock and Webb on 53rd North and is open from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturdays. Tree limbs and shrubbery are accepted materials. Also, free mulch is available. The

service is only for Bel Aire residents and proof of residency is required.

- Listened as Lasher updated members on the monument sign process. The sign at the northwest corner of 37th Street North and Woodlawn by Chisholm Trail State Bank is now in place. It was paid for by the city. Also, the Catholic Care Center will now be sponsoring one of the large stone signs. In all there will be four signs donated to the city.
- Voted in favor of a real estate purchase agreement with Kevin Arnel for about a half acre of city property near his land near 49th Street and Rock.
- “This purchase squares off his property,” Lasher said.
- Approved an appropriations ordinance in the amount of \$507,328.
- Went into executive session for 20 minutes for a non-elect personnel matter. No action was taken.

Bel Aire Tree Board seeks to branch out

By David Dinell

Spring is the time for planting and gardening. With that in mind, the April 21 meeting of the Bel Aire City Council had a decidedly horticultural atmosphere with a proclamation declaring Arbor Day 2015, a report from the Tree Board and a proposal for the city to provide the board with funding for seeds and supplies.

Council member Guy MacDonald, a member of the board, pointed out that board members provide supplies at their own expense and suggested that the city might help out with them.

“This may be something that we discuss in the future,” he said.

City Manager Ty Lasher was open to the concept and said it could be part of the 2016 budget.

Normally, tree boards are

not funded by a city, he said, but the amount would be nominal and the board has been quite active — and intends to be even more so.

“They want to do more,” said Gary Northwall, chairperson of the board. He said the board, fully staffed at seven, has been infused with some new members who bring fresh enthusiasm to the task.

Trees are vital, he said, as they clean the air, provide shelter and simply look good, among other benefits. Some studies have also shown that well-planted and cared-for trees can increase property values as much as 15 percent.

A city’s appearance, including trees and greenery, is important, say officials, and that makes an impression on visitors — and potential residents.

Mayor David Austin said the city has long been tree friendly as it has logged 19 years as

being a “Tree City USA,” a designation by The Arbor Day Foundation to recognize cities for their excellence in urban forest management.

As part of that continued effort, and as one of the requirement of continuing to be a Tree City, the Tree Board is holding an Arbor Day celebration at 10 a.m. April 25 at Central Park just west of the playground.

A Chinese Pistache is set to be planted to honor longtime board members and Bel Aire volunteers Kathy and Moe Terrebonne.

In other action, the council:

- Witnessed the oath of office given by City Clerk Jamie Hayes to Mayor David Austin and council members Ken Lee and Betty Martine. All were re-elected.
- Approved an appropriations ordinance in the amount of \$662,994, but not before council member Martine questioned several expenditures, including \$5,850 for a new website design. City Manager Ty Lasher said it was a one-time expenses for a new website, www.whybelaire.com, which

was built specially for the city. Martine also questioned more spending on monitors and printers, asking, “when is this going to stop?” Lasher explained that many of the new monitors were for staff to work more efficiently on two monitors at once, switching from document to document.

She also told Lasher she wanted him to look at the way the city buys gasoline and work on getting the lowest price possible and Lasher said he would do that.

- Heard Lasher report that the siding at Sunflower Commerce Park was approved by the Union Pacific Railroad. A ribbon cutting will take place May 6. The time has not been selected yet.
- Approved an engineering agreement with Professional Engineering Consultants, P.A. for the design of relocating and replacing a water main running along 37th Street from Harding to Parkwood. Value of the contract is \$11,200. MacDonald thought the price was low and wondered why. Lee, himself an engineer, agreed that it was a reasonable price and said PEC likely had some of the survey work done.
- Approved rescinding the purchase of a 2016 Dodge Durango from Davis Moore at a cost of \$30,920 and ap

proving the purchase of a 2015 Ford Explorer from Shawnee Mission Ford at a cost of \$26,635. Council members were glad the savings were possible. It came about when Police Chief Darrell Attebery re-examined options and discovered the Explorer provided the better deal. Council member Ken Lee, while also pleased with the new price, said it should serve as an example to staff to work as hard as possible on pricing when submitting requests.

- Approved a contract with PP&J for \$25,190 to repair a thermal crack on 45th Street from Woodlawn to Rock Road. The type of repair is beyond the scope of the city’s street department.
- Watched as Austin signed a proclamation declaring May 2015 as Older Americans Month.
- Went into executive session for 35 minutes to discuss an attorney-client matter. After the session, the council approved a 79-acre land sale at the northwest corner of 45th Street and Greenwich for \$711,000, or \$9,000 an acre, to Shaleen Real Estate LLC of Wichita.

Four members of the council were present. Peggy Sue O’Donnell was absent due to a professional obligation. The next council meeting is 7 p.m. May 5 at City Hall.

CHURCH HIGHLIGHTS

Christ Lutheran Church

Christ Lutheran is located at 53rd Street North and Hillside, across from Wichita Heights High School. Worship service is at 9 a.m. (contemporary) and 11 a.m. (traditional). Communion is offered at both services. Sunday School is at 10:15 a.m. For more information about the church and its activities, find the church online at www.christ-lutheran.org or call 744-1242. Pastor Chad Langdon is the minister.

Church of the Resurrection

Church of the Resurrection (Roman Catholic) is located at 4910 N. Woodlawn in Bel Aire.

Masses for the Lord’s Day are 5:30 p.m. Saturday, and at 8:30 and 11 a.m. Sunday. Weekday Masses are 8 a.m. Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday; and at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday.

Resurrection Catholic School has students from preschool through eighth grade.

The parish/school Website is www.resurrectionwichita.com, and the telephone number is 744-2776. The Rev. James F. Weldon is the pastor.

Community Bible Chapel

Community Bible Chapel is located at the corner of 45th North and Arlene. Please call Amy Smith at 316-323-2819 with any questions.

Cornerstone Christian Church

Cornerstone Christian Church is located at 5531 E. 37th St. North in Wichita KS 67220-2037. The church phone number is 686-0208.

Our pastor is Jim Rackham and youth pastor is Brandon Morrow.

Sunday Worship is at 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. and a nursery is provided.

Our Wednesday Study Groups include Adult Studies, Youth and AWANA. They all meet at 6:30 p.m.

Please join us for the service of your choice.

Fairmount United Church of Christ

The church welcomes a new minister, the Rev. Larry Young.

Visit the newly renovated building at 1605 Fairmount in Wichita, one block south and one block east of Hillside and

17th North.

Sunday worship is at 10:30 a.m. which includes children’s church. Sunday school begins at 9:30 a.m.

For more information, call 682-1597 or visit at www.fairmountucc.org.

Gospel Assembly Church

Located at 4230 N. Oliver in Bel Aire, service times are 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. Sunday. Prayer service is at 7 p.m. Tuesday. Praise and worship is at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday. The first Saturday evening of each month are youth activities.

Phone number is 744-1502. The Rev. Gary D. Green is the pastor.

Greenwich United Methodist Church

Sunday worship service at 9 a.m., with fellowship and coffee afterward.

Pastor Jeff Miller can be reached at 744-0203.

Senior Day is at 10 a.m. the first Tuesday of each month.

United Methodist Women meet at 1 p.m. the first Thursday of each month.

Movie night is at 6:30 p.m. the second Saturday of each month. A snack is served.

The church is located about a mile south of K-254 on Greenwich Road. The phone number is 744-0203.

Kechi United Methodist Church

You are invited to worship at 9:03 a.m. (contemporary service) or 11:00 a.m. (traditional service) Sundays at Kechi United Methodist Church, 4533 E. 61st North in Kechi.

All sixth- through 12th-grade youth are invited to the church at 4 p.m. Sundays for youth group.

CareGivers Support group meets at 7 p.m. the first Monday of the month in the basement parlor. Bingo is at 1 p.m. the first Wednesday of the month. Everyone is welcome to join in.

Find us at www.KechiUMC.org and “Like” us on Facebook. Pastor Mitch can be contacted at Mitch@kechiumc.org or by calling 744-1221.

LifePoint Church

A fellowship of the Assemblies of God, LifePoint is located at 400 S. Abilene, Valley Center.

Sunday worship service and Kids Church are at 10:30 a.m., and Life Uni-

versity/Sunday school for all ages is at 9 a.m. No regular Sunday night service. For special activities, see the Website at www.lpcag.org.

Wednesday evening is the Launch children’s program at 6:30 p.m. Velocity Student Ministries for youth meets at 6:30 p.m.

Adult small groups meet throughout the community.

Senior pastor is Steve Rains. Youth pastor is Jacob Soye. Children’s pastor is Nathaniel Thurman. The phone number is 755-2331.

Risen Savior Lutheran Church — Missouri Synod

Contemporary Sunday worship services are at 8 and 10:30 a.m. Communion is the first and third Sunday. Adult Sunday School and Bible class meet at 9:15 a.m., with children’s church at 10:30. A nursery is provided during Bible class and second service.

A blood drive will be held at the church from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. May 17. Please contact the American Red Cross at 1-800-REDCROSS or log onto redcrossblood.org to schedule an appointment.

There are two weekly sessions of Lifetree Café in Valley Center: Thursday at 1 p.m., with Lunch at noon, at the Community Building, 316 E. Clay, and Sunday at 5 p.m. at the home of Pastor Terry and Barb Wiechman, 1241 S. Park Ave. Lifetree Café is a “conversation café” — a place and time for people to gather weekly to experience stories and talk about thought-provoking topics relating to life and faith.

Wednesday Evening Ministries is from 6:30 to 8 p.m. There are activities

for all ages. A nursery will be available for preschool age children. King’s Kids is for children in K through fifth grade. Confirmation class is for children in grades six through eight. IMPACT! is for grades nine through 12. There will also be adult Bible classes available.

Risen Savior Preschool classes for 3- to 5-year-olds are Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 9 to 11:45 a.m. Enrollment forms and information are available at the church office. Please contact Michelle Peshek, Director/Lead Teacher, with questions at michellep@risensavior.net or call the church office at 683-5538.

The church is located at 6770 E. 34th North in Wichita. The phone number is 683-5538 and the Website is www.risensaviorwichita.net.

Senior pastor is Tom Harmon.

St. Michael’s Orthodox Christian Church

Saint Michael’s Orthodox Christian Church is located at 2710 E. 61st North, Park City, KS 67219. It is a congregation of the Antiochian Orthodox Christian Archdiocese of North America. “The disciples were first called Christians at Antioch.” (Acts 11:26).

It is the only western rite Orthodox Church in the state of Kansas. Join us for our worship of the Holy Trinity using the ancient and beautiful liturgy of the Undivided Church.

Sunday Adult class at 9 a.m. is “Jesus: The Man, the Message and the Meaning.”

Men’s Bible study group will meet at 7 p.m. May 4 and will study

Old Testament Deuterocanonical books.

Women’s Bible study group meets at 10 a.m. May 8 and May 22. They will study “God’s Plan for Sanity”

Wednesday service is at 6 p.m.; Saturday Vespers is at 4:30 p.m.

Wednesday program will be at 7:15 p.m. May 6 and 20 following Liturgy at 6 p.m. and potluck supper. Topic for May 6 is “Feast Days of our Patron Saint Michael” and May 20 is “Why is the Ascension of Christ Important for our Salvation?”

Holy Days during May are May 8, Apparition of the Archangel Michael; May 21, Ascension Day; and May 31 Pentecost.

There is no fasting during May, according to Antiochian Orthodox custom.

Call the church for more information 734-6248 or visit our website at www.saintmichaellothodoxchurch.com.

Inquirers and Catechumen Class is held at 5 p.m. the second and fourth Tuesday of the month. If you are interested in an introduction to the faith and practice of the Holy Orthodox Church, please feel free to join us. Upcoming classes are May 12 and May 26.

Email inquiries to jflora@cox.net.


Wichita Three Angels Seventh-Day Adventist Church

The church is located at 4558 N. Hydraulic Wichita, KS 67219.

The pastor is Nathan Stearman. The Sabbath school is at 9:30 a.m. Worship service is at 11 a.m.

For more information find us at www.godsclomet.com, on Facebook, email eric@godsclomet.com, or call 530-1040.

Send your church’s upcoming events and service times to legals@arkvalleynews.com or call 755-0821.



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Election

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said, along with keeping water rates low.

Lee, who was on council for 2 1/2 years, won a four-year term. Martine also won a four-year term.

They beat out challenges from Jeanette Clement, Michael Gordon, Jeff Oldenettel and Stephen Scholtz.

A new face joined the Park City council.

Jim Schroeder defeated incumbent Mike Alumbaugh 55-22 and was sworn into office April 14.

Schroeder, a commercial loan officer at Central National Bank, represents Ward 1, the



Lee

4) were elected to four-year terms.

Schroeder said he ran for office to encourage growth in Park City.

"I have had nothing but positive experiences while living in Park City the past 17 years," he said. "I want to make every effort to keep our

only race with more than one candidate. Chris Johns (Ward 2), George Capps (Ward 3) and Thomas Jones (Ward



Martine

Schroeder has served on the Park City Convention and Tourism Committee for five years.

"Job growth should be our first priority," he said. "This can be achieved by attracting new businesses to our community, which in turn will attract more citizens to Park City to

current businesses prospering and attract more companies to our city to create an environment of job growth."

fill those jobs."

In other races across north Sedgwick County, Valley Center elected a new mayor for the first time since 2006.

With 75 percent of the vote (224-60), Laurie Dove, a writer and small business owner, won the race over Jaque Davis, a paraprofessional in the Valley Center school district.

"The first thing I thought about was how appreciative I was for everyone who put out yard signs, who shared with neighbors, who had kind thoughts for me and shared good words," Dove said. "... I am really looking forward to making the transition from city council to mayor."

Dove has served on the city council, representing Ward 2, for the past two years.

"I have a good handle on the projects we are working on now and the ones we are considering in the future," Dove said. "... I am a hands-on person and I expect to be a hands-on mayor who really shows some leadership for our community. ... I have a clear and passionate vision for our community and I really look forward to drawing people into the process who also are just as passionate about our community."

Dove was elected to the council in 2013. The appointee will serve through 2017.

In Valley Center City Council races, Dale Kerstetter unseated incumbent Judith Leftoff in Ward 1. Leftoff is finishing her first four-year term. Ward 1 is primarily the northwest part of the city. Kerstetter had 58

percent of the vote, 50-34.

In Ward 2, Gina Gregory won the seat over Ricky Shellenbarger, 47-30. Gregory will take over for Terry Ishman, who was serving the remainder of an unexpired term and decided not to seek to retain the seat.

Ward 3 and Ward 4 races were unopposed. Marci Maschino was re-elected to serve Ward 3 (the southeast part of the city) and Ben Anderson was elected to Ward 4 (southwest).

Dove, Kerstetter, Gregory, Maschino and Anderson were sworn in during the April 21 city council meeting.

In Kechi, Brian Adams, David McConaughay and Kevin Opat will retain their at-large city council seats. Challenged Michael Hoffman came up 16 votes short of Opat.

Rekoske

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dren. He also has a grown son who lives in Seattle.

The job, however, is another step professionally and he believes the chamber is well-positioned to move ahead with new ideas and developments in a growing community.

He said the CVB job was "a good fit" for him and he's excited about the new challenges.

"They have a lot going on for themselves," he said. "There are a lot of new opportunities with downtown Hays and they need someone

you can let people know what's happening."

Rekoske, originally from Wisconsin, came to Kansas in 1987 and now considers the Sunflower State his home. He earned a bachelor's degree in general studies from Wichita State University and also a master's degree in public administration from WSU. He holds a certificate in economic development.

His professional experience includes work as a tax coordinator, a community development coordinator and a special events planner. He worked for the City of Wichita before his Bel Aire post.

He is proud of the amount of work he's done in his

tenure in Bel Aire, especially with Sunflower Commerce Park. One of his early projects was to help get a \$1.2 million grant from KDOT for a railroad siding project to bring in a new company, Buzzi Unicem.

He's also pleased with a master plan taking into account pedestrian and bicycle needs.

"This is going to be huge for the community," he said of the 30-page blueprint.

In addition, residents likely notice the large stone monuments going up around town, another project he helped to spur on, along with the City Manager Ty Lasher.

"It's been talked about for awhile, but never did really

get going until now," he said.

The city took on the cost of the first one and that was enough to get private and non-profit sponsors on board for others.

Before Rekoske leaves — and he plans to work right up until the end — a two-month radio and billboard campaign will get underway along with a new website, www.whybelaire.com.

"We really want to reach out reach out to folks and let them know about Bel Aire,"

Wreck

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ended up in the middle of the intersection, but the driver entered the roadway, was hit, and that impact pushed it northward.

There's a stop sign on Webb, but it's unknown whether Watkins didn't see the sign or ignored it. Vehicles on K-254 travel at highway speeds.

he said.

The city, he said, has a lot of great things going for it.

Rekoske also helped promote some fun events, too, such as the Hot Dawg's Pool Party for pooches — and their owners — to use the community swimming pool on the last day of the season.

But make no mistake, it hasn't been an easy road, Rekoske said, and it never is.

"It's a tough business and it's very competitive," he said.

Just about every city offers incentives of some type, and the battle to land new jobs can be time-consuming and

sometimes costly.

But it's rewarding, too, especially with the people he's met.

"I appreciate all the relationships built along the way," he said.

DEATH

PRISCILLA KLEYMANN

Priscilla "Peg" Kleymann, 90, of Tribune, died April 10, 2015. She was a farm wife,



Kleymann

having also worked for Boeing Aircraft. She was born April 14, 1924,

at Ash-ton, the daughter of John Walter and Lillian Mae Hutchins Kinlund. She graduated from Greeley County High School in 1942 and attended Denver Business College for a year. She moved to Wichita and went to work for Boeing Aircraft. On June 18, 1945, she married Leo Raymond Kleymann in Wichita County.

She was preceded in death by her parents, husband and

sons Jon Kleymann and Leo R. Kleymann Jr. Survivors include daughters, Ann (Ron) Corrigan of Kansas City, Mo., and Valerie (Jerry) Nordberg of Wichita; daughter-in-law Micki Kleymann of Tribune; grandchildren David (Beth) Wenciker of Southern Pines, N.C., Jeff (Kari) Wenciker of Washington, D.C., Gina Corrigan of Newton, Tracy and Claire Corrigan of Austin, Texas, Rebekka (Brian) Geddeis of Wichita, Eric (Elizabeth) Nordberg of Wichita, Jon Michael (Tiffany) Kleymann of Tribune and James Lee (Wendy) Kleymann of Tribune; and 18 great-grandchildren.

A vigil service was held April 14, with funeral Mass on April 15, both at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Tribune. Burial was in Greeley County

Cemetery in Tribune. Memorials to St. Joseph Catholic Church, in care of the funeral home. Price & Sons Funeral Home in Tribune had charge.

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Merritt Cannaby, 6, enjoys spending the afternoon flying his kite. The steady breeze made for ideal flying conditions.



Owen Ashley, 9, works the drums as part of the group Carson Mac and the Ozites. The group played a range of rock, pop and country hits for the crowd.

Sunshine and warm temperatures made March 28 an ideal day for Bel Aire's first big event of the year, the Spring Festival and Easter Egg Hunt. The event, from 12:30 to 5:30 p.m. at the Rec Center, attracted hundreds of people and included a dedication of the new Bel Aire Lions Pavilion.

The Bel Aire Lions Club formally presented the structure to the city in a ceremony attended by numerous city officials. There also was face painting, music, a bouncy house, kite flying, an appearance by the Easter Bunny, and, of course, an egg hunt. The event was produced under the direction of the city of Bel Aire and the Bel Aire Community Development Advisory Committee and sponsored by the city, Revolution Church and the Lions Club.

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Easter eggs await the children, who were broken up into different groups based on their ages. Some 10,000 eggs were distributed by volunteers. Also, two Easter baskets were given away in a drawing.



Taylor Hamker, 8, gets her face painted by Charlotte Patterson of Embellished Fun, a face painting and balloon art company.



Joseph Gordon, 6, gives the Easter Bunny a hug. The bunny was in the new Lions Pavilion.



Children in the 1- to 3-year-old group race to gather eggs. Along with candy, there were 50 eggs that had a \$1 silver coin placed in them.



Bel Aire City Council member Ken Lee and Lions Club President Gary O'Neal cut a ribbon to officially open the pavilion.



Allen Carlile, left, Allen Carlile Welding; Darren Rader, Rates Contracting; and Kevin Bleich, Seamless Pros, worked on the pavilion project and were present at the dedication. There were 11 donors that made the structure possible.

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